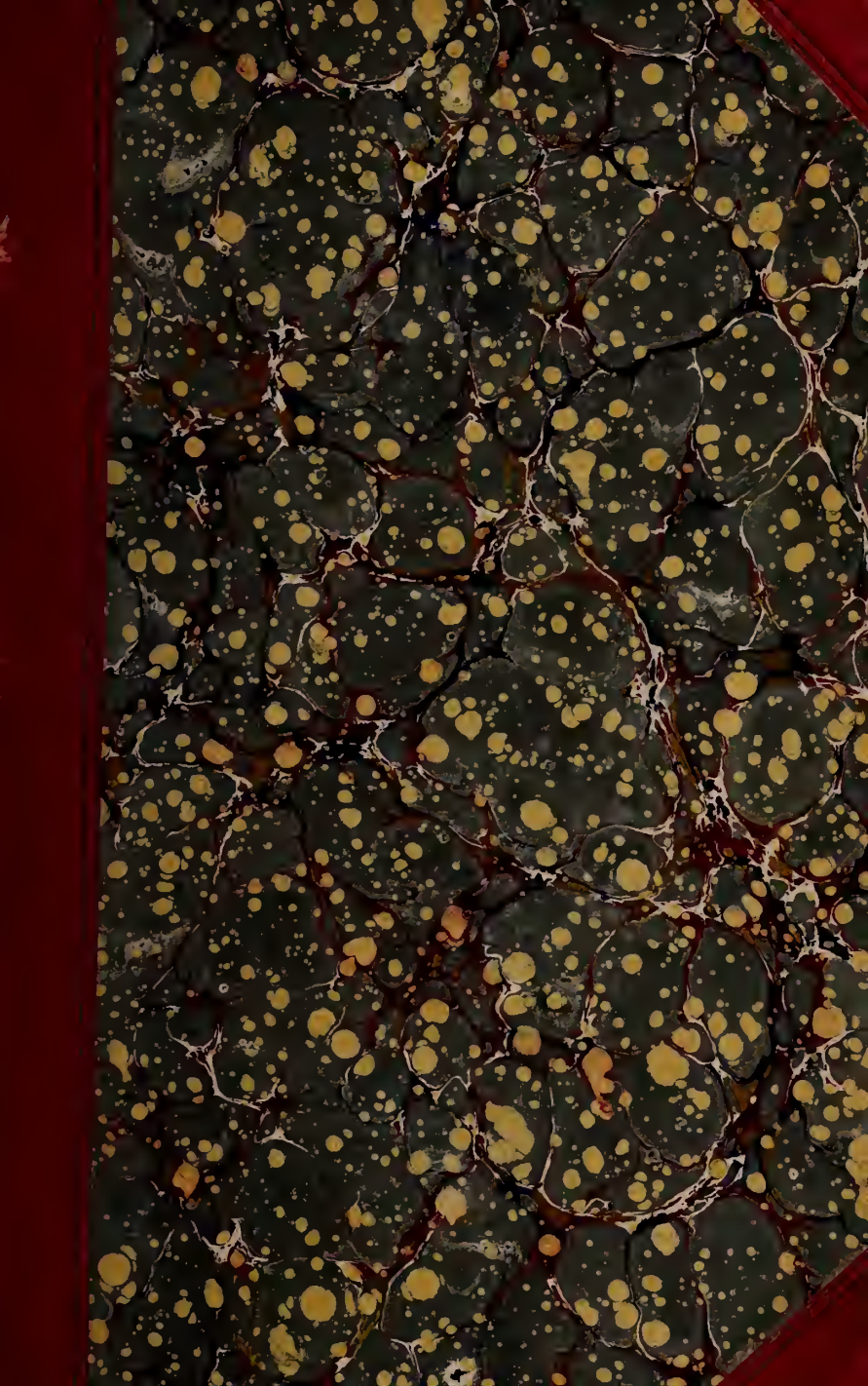

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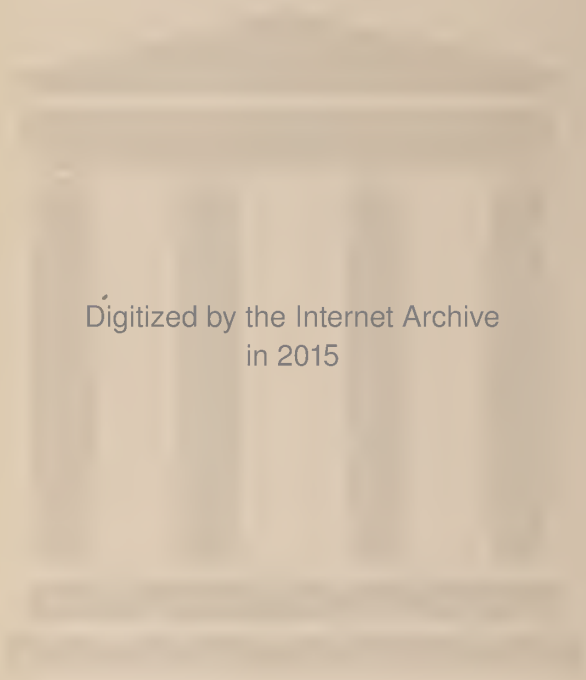

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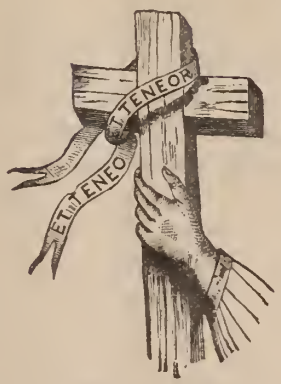

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OUR ANNIVERSARY MEETINGS.

DELIGHTFUL meetings they were this year, and, as usual, largely attended. They were held on Thursday and Friday, April 26th and 27th, in the Assembly room of the Presbyterian House, Philadelphia. At the Thursday morning meeting we had the pleasure of hearing from Mrs. I. S. Williams, President of the Philadelphia Branch of the Union Missionary Society, Miss Goodell, of the Woman's Board of Missions (Congregational), and Mrs. Graecy, of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and of receiving through them the greetings of their several organizations. It was refreshing to hear from these sister workers of their struggles and successes in the cause so dear to us all. Our denominational corps badges can hardly be distinguished as we press forward, side by side, under the grand banner of the Cross.

In the afternoon we were transported in imagination to China, by Mrs. Morrison, then to India by Mrs. Janvier, and to Siam by Mrs. Dr. House. One very cheering fact was prominent in the

remarks of each of these ladies, viz., the results of the careful teaching of the children during the early days of the missions in the countries which they represent. Many of those children are now consistent Christian men and women, who have formed real *homes*, and are training another generation to serve God, as well as doing much direct work among the people around them. Thus is the leaven working, and a brighter day dawning.

The social gathering of Thursday evening was very enjoyable. The time was occupied with conversation, singing and short addresses by some of the city pastors and other gentlemen.

The Friday morning meeting for conference and prayer was more informal than those of the day before, but one which was helpful, inspiring and tender. The question was asked by a delegate from an auxiliary society, "How can we increase the number attending our meetings?" To this question there were several replies, or rather the experiences of several auxiliaries were stated. In one, each member made a special effort to bring with her one more. In others, a member was appointed at each meeting to prepare a paper on some particular country, &c. Encouragement was given from different ladies to small societies to persevere in the work, stating the advantages to themselves, as well as to the cause, arising from the faithfulness of even two or three, if no more can be gathered. A laborer of large experience in the work believed that *one* lady who was really in earnest could start an auxiliary in her church, and that by forming Presbyterial societies *every* church might sustain an auxiliary.

Last came the meeting for the young folks, on Friday afternoon. Notwithstanding the rain, the room was filled with bright, eager faces, which expressed real enjoyment in the sweet songs they sang and the pleasant words addressed to them.

That our readers may all have the opportunity of reading the report of the work of the Society during the past year, we have devoted to it this number of *Woman's Work*. They will rejoice with us at what God has permitted them and us to do, and we trust will begin the new year with renewed faith and zeal in the Master's service.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The glow and stir of this Centennial year were just beginning to be seen and felt when the last annual meeting of this Society was held. Now its brightness has faded, or dwells only in memory, and we look back upon it that we may see what it has brought to us before we lay it away with its fellows and turn to the living present. Such a year was not likely in the outset to be favorable to work like this. There were grave fears among us that financially the effect of so absorbing an outside influence might be felt, and that more than this—or rather back of it—would be a decrease of interest and activity on behalf of this cause among the women of our churches, because during six months of the year their attention was so occupied with anticipated or realized visits to the great Exhibition.

In this respect, God has been better to us than our fears, and has not permitted this year to witness any diminution in our receipts, or permanent loss in the earnestness of our workers. It is most cheering evidence of the hold which this cause has taken upon Presbyterian women, that even so alluring attractions as those of the past year could not shake off or loosen it.

And one of the most delightful experiences of the year to the officers of this Society who dwell in the Centennial city, has been the coming to our modest little room, at 1334 Chestnut street, of those from every quarter of the land who are accustomed to look thither for help and encouragement in their labors for this cause. It was pleasant to find that to so many it was one of the main

points of interest in their visit to this city, so that shortness of time and number of stairs did not deter them from a pilgrimage thither, that they might see face to face and take by the hand those who were so well known to them by name and through letters.

And as these visitors went away, the hope was strong in the hearts of those whom they had thus sought out, that as a result of their visits, there would be more earnest and constant prayer that the great responsibilities resting upon the shoulders and upon the hearts of those there working might be bravely and fully met.

More than once recently it has occurred that a member of some auxiliary or a returned missionary has been present at our monthly prayer-meeting or at the Board meeting, and has gone away with an altogether new sense of the strength of the bond uniting the workers for this cause to each other, however widely scattered in space. They have sometimes said that they had no idea before that the missionaries, with their work, and the societies at home, with their interests, were really so carried upon the hearts of those whose prayers they had heard that day.

We would that a greater number of our women who care for foreign missions would come there and join their prayers to ours. Sometimes we are scarcely more than the "two or three," outside the circle of the Executive Committee; but the promise is ours—the Master is with us—and we do not go away without His blessing. We leave that little room feeling that we have a new grasp of the Omnipotent arm that even through our weakness "moves the world," and that will eventually bring all its kingdoms to the feet of His glorious Son. We say to you all, then, "Come with us" to our Father's throne in this meeting on the third Tuesday of every month, and He—not we—"will do thee good." And we beseech you also not to forget or neglect the Sabbath evening hour of private prayer on behalf of this work. Let it not be to you an excellent thing for others to do—a most desirable observance in the abstract, while it touches not your own soul as a duty or a privilege. Take hold with your own hand of this more than magic wire that encircles the world with its magnetic power of prayerful sympathy, and send your own soul's messages up to the inexhausti-

ble source of all strength and wisdom and blessing for what you and all the workers in the Master's vineyard daily and hourly need.

We shall mention in the course of our report some very special occasions for thanksgiving that we have had during the year, some of which have marked an era in our history, and yet whose responsibilities would have been greater than we dared take upon ourselves, had not our Leader clearly pointed out to us that they were of His own choosing for us. Each year now deepens our experience as a Society, teaches us new and higher lessons of faith and trust, and brings us more constantly, as an absolute necessity of the work, into the attitude of prayer. The school-books out of which we learn our lessons are ever written in a language of deeper meaning and wider reach, and we must draw ever closer around our Great Teacher, before we can gather from them all the significance of their instruction.

And as we to-day open some of these pages to you and show you what we have learned out of them, will not each one here take the lesson home to her inmost heart, and see if it will not first draw her, too, very near to the same blessed Teacher, and then send her forth to make practical use of it in better service for Christ than ever before? Oh, that God would give to us the power to reach not only the listening ear and the approving mind of every woman in this room, but the beating heart, which Christ has made His own, to kindle there new love for this redeeming work of His which He asks us to share with Him! Rather would we say, however, oh, that God would speak to each heart Himself this hour, in His "still small voice," and awaken deeper desires and more earnest purposes of devotion to Him and His service!

Following our usual course, we first open to you the page of home-history, and there we find written the record of goodly increase in the number and the efficiency of workers. Many have labored this year "against wind and tide"—with financial difficulties and business depression combating them, and with many a temptation to give up the effort until more favoring circumstances shall make their way easy and prosperous. By few have the

pledges of the year been fulfilled without a greater degree than usual of self-denial and labor, yet we think that not one now regretfully remembers what she has done or sacrificed for this cause of Christ, while many may wish that they had surrendered a little more of ease or self-indulgence, in order to offer something more to Him whose gifts to them have been so many and so rich.

We have been joined by *one hundred* new auxiliaries during the year, and by *fifty-three* bands, bringing the whole number of the former up to *seven hundred and forty-eight*, and of the latter to *three hundred and ninety-five*. *Four* new Presbyterial societies have also been formed, making *thirty* in all. We are more and more convinced, by longer experience, of the great advantage of these Presbyterial organizations when rightly managed. They not only make the work more systematic and more permanent, but they usually add tenfold to its energy and efficiency.

And what of our two little messengers to the women and children of our land—*Woman's Work* and *Children's Work?*—one of which has entered upon its seventh year, while the other, in its second, is just able to stand alone. Well, their life is vigorous and their progress healthful, although, concerning the latter, there were grave anxieties towards the close of its first year. It tottered on its feet, and there were not wanting fears lest it might fall not to rise again. The year 1876 was not a very good one for young periodicals; but there was a stretching forth of hands from those nearest to this one, and it was borne up for a little time so successfully that it was able to recover itself and stand, even more firmly, than it had done before. The managers of this Society could not see *Children's Work* go down after it had so good a beginning, nor could they consent to carry a debt on its account, therefore, by a united effort, they cleared off nearly the whole of the indebtedness that was crushing it, and January of 1877 saw it almost free, while the incoming of subscriptions since then has given good reason to believe that in future it will sustain itself.

The subscription list of *Woman's Work* remains at about the same figure, or, we regret to say, has perhaps gone down a little. Each year brings many new subscribers, and if the old ones would

all remember to renew their subscriptions, its financial condition would be excellent. But, alas! so many fail to do this that the scale of increase is kept always at a balance with the falling off—never being able to outweigh this—and hence never leaving the region of anxiety and uncertainty. Usually, it is not a desire to discontinue the magazine that causes the non-payment of subscription, but simple failure to observe the notice of its being due, or postponement from time to time of intended payment. Those who thus fail in this (to them) small matter can hardly realize the fact that they thereby send little clouds of anxious thought and care continually drifting into the room whence this magazine is sent forth with so much labor.

These two magazines *should* be so supported by the women and children of our churches, that greater freedom would be possible in the obtaining of illustrations and in the use of all means to render them attractive and valuable to old and young, so that only wisdom and care in selection—not economy in spending—need be the thought of those who would make them both all that such magazines can be.

Soon after the beginning of the year now closing, some of the officers of this Society met the secretaries and several members of the Board of Foreign Missions, and representatives of the other women's societies, at 23 Centre street, New York, for a conference with regard to the work to be undertaken during the year. At that meeting, moved by a strong sense of duty and privilege, and by a firm belief that God was leading them to do it, those representing this Society promised to try to increase the amount raised by them this year to $100,000. It was a daring promise, many would think—at that time of all others—with the pressure of hard times and the absorbing influence of the centennial celebration on every hand. But the promise was not made without the consciousness that He who prompted it would make its fulfillment, or an approximation thereto, possible; and hence there was no *daring* in it, but simply *believing*. "The silver and gold were His," and we knew that if we did our full duty, He would by us gather it into His treasury for this work. Only a failure on our part to

bring the cause properly before the women of our Church, or upon their part to respond to what should come home to their souls as a burden laid upon them by Almighty God, or a holding back from some path upon which He would have us enter, might prevent the accomplishment of what He really meant us to do.

Our Treasurer's report will show how nearly we have reached the mark which we set before us as our aim. That we have not fully come up to it is cause of regret, but still, in view of all the adverse circumstances of the year, the near approach we have made to the full realization of our hopes and wishes is surely occasion for thankfulness and joy. Our advance on last year's receipts is most encouraging evidence of the blessing that has accompanied our efforts.

Of the *eighty-six* missionaries reported last year, *thirteen* have from various causes been taken from our list—one by death, two by transfer to other societies, five by ill health (their own or that of their husbands) obliging them to return home, and five by other causes, rendering necessary a discontinuance of their work abroad. *Nine* new missionaries have been added to our number, and *five* more are under appointment to go during the summer or autumn; so that in reality we have a gain, notwithstanding all our loss, the former exceeding the latter by *one*.

For this let us devoutly thank God, and fervently pray that the number of these sorely needed laborers may still increase, until every station shall be reinforced by earnest, faithful servants of our Master. "The laborers are" yet very "few," while the harvest is—thank God!—growing greater all the time.

It is always a source of sorrow when any of our missionaries are constrained to abandon their fields; yet sometimes that field is but changed; their opportunities are so many and so favorable to arouse and deepen interest at home by the burning words with which they can tell of what they have actually seen and heard in their contact with heathenism and idolatry. It may be partly to this end that God has called them back from their distant labors, because He had work for them to do at home, which they could do all the better for their practical knowledge of mission life and duties.

Miss Loring, of Syria, whose name is a household word in many of our churches and societies, could scarcely have done just the kind and amount of work which she has done in these last three years had she not previously lived in Syria, gone in and out of Syrian homes, and seen for herself what Syrian girls and women are without the Gospel, and what they can become under its blessed influence. So that it can by no means be counted all loss when our toilers come back from their distant fields to till the home soil with us.

Taking up the countries in which we are interested through our representatives abroad, in the order of the tabular record, we have first

INDIA.

This country has occupied our thoughts and called forth our active interest in an unusual degree this year, owing to the fact that we have, for the first time in our Society's history, ourselves sent thither two ladies for a specific work to which we have chosen them. Towards the close of 1876 we were led, by a variety of considerations, to request from the Board of Foreign Missions authority to take the school at Woodstock, in the Himalayas, into our own hands and send out teachers for it, instead of having it cared for, as hitherto, by appointment of the mission, which rendered it liable to frequent changes of the teachers employed, &c., according as the exigencies of other mission work would allow of ladies being appointed to this. Our request was granted, and the next thing was to find the right persons to send there immediately, to take charge of this school and conduct it for us. It would be too long a story—although one marvellously illustrating the manner in which God leads his children sometimes when their hands are laid in His—to tell the steps by which a former missionary in India, with qualifications of mind and heart and with experience such as it is not easy to find in combination with the will and ability to take up the work again,—and the daughter of another honored missionary in the same land, born there, and whose father's dust is there awaiting the resurrection day—how these two were called by the Master out

of the quiet homes which loved and cherished them, and set apart for this important position. It is enough to say that it was done.

Mrs. J. L. Scott and Miss Mary Fullerton left this country, January 25th, in the depths of wintry weather, alone, so far as earthly protection was concerned, but with the folds of the banner of the Lord God Almighty encircling and sheltering them in their long journey over oceans and continents. We, for the first time in our history, made all the financial and other arrangements for their voyage and journey to their destination; and it is cause for gratitude and satisfaction that they accomplished the passage from Philadelphia to Allahabad with certainly as great a degree of comfort and safety as have any of our missionaries to India.

A large number of loving, sympathizing friends (not in the lower sense of mere sentimental sympathy, but with true appreciation of what they were doing and why they were doing it) saw the steamer depart on that bright winter morning. Standing on its deck was the mature, cultivated, motherly woman who is to take the chief management of that home and school in the Himalaya mountains, and by her side the young, fresh girl of twenty-one, who is to aid her in this work—whose face, as the "Ohio" moved away, was as if lighted by a beam from the very face of the Sun of Righteousness.

This event to us has been the central point of our work in India this year. It was a great responsibility that we assumed, and a serious innovation upon former customs and ideas that we made. But we did it because we believed that we saw clearly that God called us to do it *when* and *as* we did. If any doubt the wisdom of our course in this matter, or would know more of the reasons which led us to it, we will gladly give more detail and explanation.

Another lady has gone this year under our care from her mother's home in Cannonsburgh, Pa., to India—Miss Amanda McGinnis, a sister of Mrs. Hull, of Kolapoor, with whom she is now associated.

It would be pleasant to go on and mention by name each one of our beloved missionaries in India and elsewhere, and "let their works praise them in these gates," but of the labors of each we

should wish to say so much, that our report would grow beyond your patience and our intention. The list of schools, &c., will give all information regarding these branches of work, and we will only say that everywhere this arm of the great body has been developed and strengthened for the uplifting of the ignorant and degraded children of those heathen mothers, and of the mothers themselves through the children. We must never let this branch of our labors lack nourishment and support.

The Dehra Christian Girls' School stands pre-eminent among schools of our own and other denominations in India for the scholarship of its pupils and the excellent management and successful conduct of all its affairs. Better than all else concerning it, however, are the tidings that come to us from time to time of a little group of its pupils coming up to the communion of the Lord's table, and before all their companions avouching the Lord to be their God and Saviour. Miss Pratt, associated with Miss Craig in the care of this school, has been during the last year at the head of Woodstock School, where she has shown her usual energy and capability in carrying on such an institution. By the arrival of Mrs. Scott she will now be free to return to Dehra.

When we open the page of our record of work in

CHINA,

we find written there in larger characters than any other lesson, that of trust in God amid seeming disappointments and contrarieties. The wise and loving Father has brought home Miss Sellers, one of our laborers, around whom many hopes of her future usefulness had gathered, and who had been but a very short time engaged in the work for which she seemed so well fitted, before the sickness came which rendered her return necessary. If she is restored fully to health, we hope she may again take up mission work in some field. Mrs. Morrison has had to leave her missionary life in China and come home to care for her little fatherless flock, but her years of toil in China will enable her to wield pen and voice most efficiently for the cause when opportunity is offered her.

From Mrs. Shaw, of Tungchow, God has taken her husband,

who had begun so earnest and successful a missionary life that we reverently wonder at the dispensation, not understanding it, but knowing that "it is the Lord." Every blessed promise of comfort and support has been verified to his widow, who, with her baby daughter, has gone back to her temple home and her loved work, finding a Presence there which ever sustains and cheers her lonely life. The Tungchow missionaries have had heart and hands full in these last months in caring for the sufferers by the famine in that part of China.

Then in Canton Miss Mattie Noyes has been brought nigh unto death by illness. According to her own account, the prayers of the native Christians there, especially those of the boarding-school, and of Christian friends at home, have lifted her up from her sick bed and restored her, for a time at least, to her school.

Does this read like a chapter of calamities and trials to our mission work in China? So might the world read it—so do not we. To us these are the lessons of our Father, teaching us that the work and the workers are all in His hand; that He lays one low and raises up another, and bids this one go and that one stay, and by and through it all carries on His purposes to the end; that He knows the instruments and how to use them, and that the part of these is that of gladly giving themselves to Him to be used altogether as He sees fit. What a blessed lesson if we read and learn it aright!

We have one new missionary in China—Mrs. Murray, of Chenanfoo. Miss Hattie Noyes and Miss Happer, now in this country, will return to Canton in the fall, taking, we hope, another lady with them, so that the work there, which is so interesting and full of promise, may be extended and even more firmly established.

The fourteen missionaries under our care in China, besides those mentioned above, have all continued their labors, doing nothing, perhaps, to draw forth the admiration and astonishment of the world, but blessed of the Master as those who are "faithful over a few things," as they would be over many.

It is a bright page which meets our eye when we turn to

JAPAN,

as indeed is almost every page now which treats of that land and people. While our work of former years and the list of missionaries contained in our last report have both been somewhat changed, yet our sphere is really enlarged rather than diminished. Two of our missionaries of last year have most reluctantly left Japan, and one has been transferred to a sister society; but three new ones have been added to our number, so that there is here no loss. One of these latter, Miss Marsh, went out in the fall to assist Mrs. Hepburn in her school at Yokohama. Another, Mrs. True, came to us from another society, and received a most hearty welcome from us all, but especially from one of our auxiliaries, which had long desired, for the sake of old friendship and association, to have her represent them on mission ground. She has taken a school in the Japanese part of Tokio, outside of the foreign concession—a school mainly supported by the Japanese themselves, and which is at a sufficient distance from the other mission schools in no way to interfere with them. Mrs. Ballagh, our other new missionary, was also transferred to us from another society, under an arrangement agreed upon with this latter. She labors among the women of Yokohama, and also assists in Sunday-school and other work among the girls of Mrs. Hepburn's school. This school has now been established on the plan of *scholarships*, fifteen of which are given out, thus securing to the school a permanent support.

It is our earnest hope that before long we may have a boarding-school here, and thus greatly increase and intensify the influence exerted over the pupils. We also strongly wish and hope to have one or two more laborers in other stations in Japan; for the opportunities to work appear to be well-nigh limitless, and the encouragement to enter new parts of the country and extend the knowledge of the truth in every direction seems most tempting to the servants of the Lord, when He is thus throwing wide open the doors into those so lately inaccessible hearts and homes.

The only trouble is that so many of His churches at home sit calmly down, spread their beautiful garments all round about them,

cast down their eyes so that they see naught but their own comfortable position, and a little of that of their neighbors, and extend their hands but feebly to supply any except their own needs. Thus occupied, how can they see those opening doors over there in Japan, or hear those voices calling them to send—send—if they will not take—the blessed Gospel to those awakening souls? Oh, that they would arise and gird themselves for effort, and use eyes, ears, hands, hearts—every faculty and every gift of God—in obedience to the call that comes from Him!

The lesson of

SIAM AND LAOS

to us is pre-eminently that of PATIENCE. The work is a slow one. These people do not usually want to be helped to improvement or to change of any kind. They will take what is offered them because it is offered, but with little appreciation of or care for the benefits of civilized life. They offend the Christian heart and refined senses continually, so that it is self-denial merely to live among them. Yet the children are impressible, as are children almost everywhere, and the women often yield to gentle influences and show a desire to learn of better things than those which their present miserable life brings them.

Perhaps our missionaries in Siam and among the Laos would hardly wish to have expressed even the degree of discouragement in their work which has just been pictured. But it is well that we should share, so far as possible, all that they must meet; for surely we have as much, to say the least, of antidote against discouragement and depression as they have in their heathen home. If *our* faith is hardly equal to the difficulties in the way of work there, how must it be with theirs, which face to face *must* meet and conquer them? And yet they toil on, and one by one, or two by two, in the course of years some precious never-dying souls are gathered into the kingdom from that nation. Is not even this worth working for? Verily, those laborers think so, and are willing to work on.

And now, since the above words were written, come the glad tidings from Siam of more rapid progress, of deepening interest

in this new gospel, of anxiety to know more about it, of hearty words of commendation of our missionaries and their labors from the King of Siam to representatives of our government visiting that country officially. Thus the dawn appears and signs of brighter days for this dark land are seen. May prayer and effort on its behalf never languish until the full noontide of Christ's kingdom be ushered in!

To

PERSIA

we turn with great gladness and intense interest, in view of recent letters, telling of a harvest of souls already gathered and still being brought in from the plains of Oroomiah. Persia has known such scenes before now, in the days of Miss Fiske and Dr. Perkins, and other laborers, some of them now before the throne above, but it is many years since such wide-spread blessing was granted to our Persia missionaries as that which is now descending like spring showers upon the thirsty land.

Rumors of wars, uncertainty, possible peril and persecution, have been prominent in the experience of these laborers during the past twelvemonth. Threatenings, too, of serious interference with the work of years by the agents of an English High Church society, which is often unscrupulous in its use of foundations laid by others and in its encroachments on the undoubted rights of others (although in this case said not to be justified by home authority)—these things have troubled and tried our Persia missionaries. If they did not know of a certainty that the tendency of these efforts is to lead the poor, weak people back into their own false church and faith, the trial of such attempts would not be so severe. But one of the oldest and noblest of the band said recently, "I do not fear; God will not let this work of His and ours be perverted. He is going to take care of it and of us."

To one of our missionaries in Oroomiah, the Reaper has twice come in a single week of this year, and has carried her only two little ones to the garden above, saying, "My Lord hath need of these flowerets gay." And what has the bereaved mother done when her arms were thus emptied? What has God given her grace

to do? Just the same that a poor Persian mother did years ago, after she had been brought to the knowledge and love of God. When her babe was taken from her, she said to God and to her fellow-Christians, "All the time I have given to my babe I will now give to souls." And she did just this. The Persian mother in her new, loving faith, and the missionary mother in her all-conquering trust, both are touched by the same love for souls, and both go from those little tear-watered graves where their little ones sleep, to win souls to Christ! What blessed work must grow out of sorrow thus sanctified! Would that every stricken mother in our Christian land would rise up from her darkened room, and turn from the empty crib and the unused garments to some active labor for Christ, who has taken her child to His bosom!

We expect soon to have one or two new missionaries in this field, and through these to enlarge the borders of our interest and effort, now limited to two stations.

What have we to tell of

SYRIA,

the grand old "Land of the Book?" Little besides the old record of patient toil to bring the blessed Book closer to the dwellers in the land, to make it indeed "a light to their feet and a lamp to their path." Educational work is still the main business with which we are concerned in this as in most of our mission fields, other influences coming in as incidental and subordinate to this one. The readers of *Woman's Work* throughout the year will recall the accounts given from time to time of Sidon and Beirût Seminaries, rendering it unnecessary to give many details now. The former has been full to the utmost extent of the means allowed for its support, including the orphan department, just established when our last report was written. Beirût Seminary has also been very prosperous, and its trio of earnest, faithful teachers have been rewarded in an unusual degree for their labors by the good scholarship and conduct of their pupils, some of the least promising having finished their school course with more honor and success than their teachers had dared to hope for from them.

The school at Tripoli has called forth our active interest this year, owing to the fact that our society assumed the raising of a large part of the funds needed for the purchase of the house for some time occupied by the school. The circumstances of the enterprise are so fully understood that it is not necessary to mention them particularly here, but only to state that the house was bought, and the school enabled to hold its position and gain a permanent abiding-place. The contributors to the amount promised by us for this purpose, and entirely raised, will, we trust, follow their gifts with prayer on behalf of the school itself, and the Syrian girls there gathered.

As we glance down the long lists in our table of native teachers and scholarships in schools, here and elsewhere, and see the names of one band or society after another who are supporting them, the thought sometimes occurs to us, how many of these Christian women and children at home are really *caring* for those whose names are opposite their own? To how many do those names or numbers represent a certain sum of money to be raised, and nothing more? They support No. —— scholarship, filled this year by ——, or a school taught by ——, and they are eager for information about the object of their interest. But do they carry the one, whosoever she may be, whether they know her name this year or not, do they carry her to God in prayer daily, or even weekly, asking Him to make her a child of His very own, and let her do good service for Him in her native land?

There is not always much to tell of these girls and women, any more than there is of the average school-girl or woman in our own land. Would it not be well to care less for names and details of appearance and of progress in earthly knowledge, and make this one thing *the* burden of prayer and effort for your scholar or your native teacher, asking and desiring, with an intensity of earnestness that will take no denial, that the Spirit of God may come into that soul and lift it up into a saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ? If all those interested in schools throughout our mission fields would do this one thing during the coming year, what a marvelous power would be added to the efforts of our faithful laborers in those

schools! See if you cannot PRAY your scholar or teacher into the kingdom this year.

There have been no changes in the list of our representatives in Syria since our last report.

Our missionaries in

AFRICA

stretch out their hands most pleadingly for helpers—both men and women. Two ladies—Mrs. Hendricks, formerly engaged there, and Miss Walker, for some time employed among the Indians—are under appointment to go thither, but are waiting opportunity and the yielding of circumstances which delay them for a time. Men are imperatively called for, however, at these African stations, where the force is utterly inadequate to the work.

Surely God must have marked some Christian men, with their wives, in this great land, whom He is calling to take the Gospel to those people. They may not hear or heed the call, but it can scarcely be that out of these hundreds of thousands of Christians there are *none* whom God would have take this service.

It is not dull, inferior, uncultivated men or women who are wanted. The best talent can find room for exercise, and the keenest tact and purest refinement will not be out of place in winning and training these wayward, but affectionate, natives into something like true Christian manhood and womanhood. There is no more obligation resting upon those few brave, cultivated, refined women now toiling for souls under that African sun to "go and teach" that nation, than rests upon scores of others to do that same thing *somewhere*, or than rests upon a few to go just *there*. May the voice of the Master reach them and draw them thither!

In

SOUTH AMERICA

there has been much opposition to the truth as it is in Christ during the whole year. Indeed, in many places the great enemy seems to be stirred to an unusual degree of activity against those who are seeking to overthrow his kingdom and establish that of the rightful Sovereign. It looks as if Satan felt the inroads of

these his foes, and would arouse all his forces to withstand them. So, in Brazil, and in the United States of Colombia, the missionaries of the cross have needed the "wisdom of the serpent," as well as the "harmlessness of the dove," in order to hold positions gained and obtain others desired.

Here, as elsewhere, our missionaries are more and more alive to the importance of getting down to the root by educational work. A small boarding school for girls has been opened at Rio Claro, in Brazil, as an experiment—to see if girls can be attracted thither from the right class of people, and brought so entirely under Christian influence and training as to be fitted for work among their own countrywomen. We desire very much to have another boarding-school, or seminary, drawing perhaps a still better class of girls, at San Paulo, or some other central station in Brazil. The staff of laborers here will probably be increased in the fall, and then this plan will, we hope, be carried into effect. We have a new missionary here to take the place in our list of one, Miss Dascomb, who has been obliged to return home. Miss Chamberlain is now with her brother, Rev. G. W. Chamberlain, who, during his recent visit to this country, interested so deeply every one who met him or heard him speak on behalf of this people and land.

The school at Bogotà, United States of Colombia, has been carried on this year with varying numbers indeed, on account of the unsettled state of everything in that war-tossed country, but with even greater evidence of success than before. It is becoming known as a *Protestant* school, and while it attracts pupils, it also exercises decided religious influence over them. Children are placed there because of the advantages of instruction offered, and they are then faithfully taught religious truth and doctrine, besides the secular branches which first led their parents to send them.

During a few weeks of the year one of our mission ladies at Bogotà was impelled, by the sore need of help which came to her knowledge, to go to Honda, where a battle between the Conservatives and the Liberals had recently been fought, and where the wounded men were lying in their misery, neglected by the authori-

ties, and with little or no alleviation for their suffering. She, with two other American ladies, at once arranged better accommodations for them, and entered upon the work which became so sadly familiar to our American women during our own war, and which developed in them some noble qualities that had not before been so fully realized or recognized. It was truly missionary work which these brave women did for those Spanish soldiers.

We see still the same bitter spirit of opposition to the Gospel and hatred to its messengers in

MEXICO

which has been so long manifested there. The revolutions and continued contests for power which have agitated the country have had a religious element mingled with their political character—not avowedly, but actually—and there have been times when the safety of our Protestant missionaries was endangered. Two days and nights did our missionary family in Mexico city live with doors and windows closed, and no foot set out of doors or head allowed to appear lest a stray shot or aimed blow should reach them. Native Protestant Christians have more than once been attacked and killed, or severely injured, because of their faith. When the new Presbyterian church in Mexico city was dedicated recently, the policeman guarding the door was stabbed, but his assailant was promptly arrested. Mexico is not a "flowery bed of ease" just now to those teaching or professing faith in Protestant Christianity; yet the hard experience, the frequent peril, the uncertain protection of authority, the knowledge of what it means there to profess this faith, all these tend to make strong, brave, believing servants of the Lord—not timid weaklings, who can scarcely give a reason for the faith that is in them. And the true church of God in Mexico grows and flourishes and is blessed continually, notwithstanding—nay, rather because of the efforts to put it out of existence.

The school for girls in the city of Mexico has been very large this year. The want now is to have a permanent building for it, and this we hope to have very soon.. Miss Leason, who has charge of it, has been quite ill during the year; but we trust that God will

answer the many prayers for her recovery, and that she may resume her place at the head of the school.

One of those who appear in the list of last year, Miss Allen, has returned home. It is our expectation to send another lady to be associated with Miss Leason in the care of the school just mentioned.

Our mission force among the

AMERICAN INDIANS

has been increased by the addition of Miss S. G. Brown, of the Creek Mission, Indian Territory. Miss Walker, as before mentioned, has left her former station among the Chippewas and been reappointed to another field during the year. The usual pace of progress in labor among the Indians is more of a creep than a bound. It requires almost divine patience to conquer their inborn habits of sloth and unelcanliness, as well as immorality; but, nevertheless, this is done by those laborers who catch something of the patient love for souls which is Christ-like and divine.

If any of you are slow to believe that real good is accomplished or advance made in efforts to benefit these people, let us tell you of prayer-meetings here and there among the once wild Indian boys and girls, where they conduct and sustain the services themselves; and also of a mission band among the children in one tribe of Indians, from which recently came ten dollars of their own earning and contributing, to be used on the other side of the world in some work for Christ. We could tell you of other prayer-meetings held by adult Indians—of other evidences of the reality of their faith in a Saviour, and the strength of their desire to serve Him; but these are enough to show that the Indian can, under right influences, emerge from his wild, ignorant, indifferent barbarism and sit at the feet of Jesus to learn of Him.

For the

CHINESE IN CALIFORNIA

we have had a special call to answer, and effort to make this year. We were asked early in the year to assist our branch on the Pacific Coast in the purchase of a house for the Chinese Women's Home,

in San Francisco. We agreed to raise half the amount needed, viz.: $5,000. And when a few weeks ago, at our Executive Committee meeting, our Treasurer announced that the entire sum named in our promise was raised, we could not refrain from a united offering to God of special thanks that He had enabled us thus to fulfill our pledge.

The Home is now a comfortable, attractive place, and those who so long suffered the inconveniences of the former dwelling are rewarded for their endurance by the enjoyment of their present quarters. Some of the inmates of the Home have joined the visible church, and we trust are truly accepted of God in Christ. It is, nevertheless, hard, up-hill work that our sisters here and at Los Angeles must do. The class with whom they deal is a very difficult one to manage, and the odds against which they strive to lead these girls to a pure Christian life are tremendous. We ought to give them more of our sympathy and our prayers in the peculiar difficulties of their field.

There is just one thought now with which we would close this Report, and which we beg you all to bear with you for the coming year. This conquering of the world for Christ is not a thing to be accomplished in a day, or a year, or ten years. We must not be impatient for results. The end is as certain as is the word of God sure. All nations are to bow to the name of Jesus and acknowledge Him as their king. But that glorious consummation may be far distant yet—may not come till long after the very youngest of us have passed from earth, without seeing any indication of its near approach. The mighty wheels of the chariot of God are rolling on, and we add what power God gives us to the force which is bringing them to the fulfillment of His appointed triumph. At home and abroad, by all means that he sees fit to use, God is accomplishing the exaltation of His Son.

Shall we vex our impatient souls because events do not move as swiftly as we think they should? or shall we in disgusted weariness lose heart and hope, and cease to labor or to pray, because we cannot each day or each year see this vast enterprise advance as we

would wish? There may yet be some mighty strides before the end comes. Nations may "be born in a day;" but we have naught to do with that. It is not for us to dictate to the Lord God, or to weary of His seemingly slow leading. Only let us be careful that we keep pace with that leading—that we do not lag behind and drag back the chariot wheels, so that they "drive heavily," by our slowness to believe and to do all that He sets before us as objects of our faith and our activity.

May we ever press close, close to that blessed One who, once "despised and rejected of men," now rises before their eyes with ever-growing glory and beauty and majesty, carrying with Him His "own," of every land and nation, on to the glorious time when He will "come with the clouds of heaven," and "His dominion" become "an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away!"

THE Annual Report will be issued, as usual, in pamphlet form, with the record of foreign work, and list of auxiliaries and bands, the amount contributed and special object of each. We regret that blanks will have to remain after the names of some of the auxiliaries this year also, on account of our having received no report from them. The reports of the Presbyterial Societies which have been carefully written by their secretaries, and which in some cases have been issued by the societies themselves, will be omitted from the General Report in order to save expense. These thirty organizations are doing a grand work, as their statistical record shows, and their number is increasing every year. When in complete working order, they relieve the Secretaries and Treasurer of the General Society of much care and labor. A copy of the Annual Report will be forwarded to any one sending her address, and a two-cent stamp to pay postage, to Miss J. C. Thompson, 1334 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

THE receipts of April, with those of May, will be published in the July number of the magazine.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mrs. Julia M. Fishburn, Treasurer,

In Account with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church.

1876.		Dr.	
April 27.	To Balance in hands of Treasurer,		$90 02
" 27.	" " California Branch,		1,564 55
1877.			
April 26.	To Cash receipts from Auxiliaries, Bands, Circles and individuals,		84,724 80
" 26.	" Legacies,		1,100 00
" 26.	" Interest on deposits,		269 79
			$87,749 16

1877.		Cr.	
April 26.	By Cash paid William Rankin, Treasurer Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions,		$78,394 85
" 26.	" directly to Missionaries or for specific objects,		2,133 19
" 26.	" by California Branch, less amounts previously paid by Parent Society,		4,558 66
" 26.	" Education of Missionaries' Children in this country,		321 00
" 26.	" Returned Missionaries, for services and travelling expenses (two years),		678 15
" 26.	" Printing Sixth Annual Report, Leaflets and Circulars,		642 13
" 26.	" Postage,		166 29
" 26.	" Expenses of Missionary Meetings, Advertising, Express, &c.,		51 68
" 26.	" Blank Books and Stationery,		58 43
" 26.	" Salary of Treasurer,		450 00
			$87,454 38
" 26.	By Balance in hands of California Branch,	$244 78	
" 26.	" in Treasurer's hands,	50 00	
			294 78
			$87,749 16

I have examined the above accounts, and compared the same with the vouchers, and certify the same to be correct, and find the balance in the Treasurer's hands to be fifty dollars.

Jno. D. McCord, Auditor.

Philadelphia, April 30, 1877.

W. P. B. M.

Northwestern Department.

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN SECRETARIES OF THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE NORTHWEST.

Six years have passed away, bearing their record of what the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions of the Northwest has accomplished. It is a solemn thought that this record can neither be altered nor amended. Once written, it remains written.

There is much occasion for gratitude to the Lord of the Vineyard that no work has been abandoned and no retrograde step taken. On the contrary, He has blessed this cause most abundantly in raising up those who are willing to devote themselves to mission work; in opening the hearts of His people to aid such to go forth to heathen lands; and in the blessed results, which, however, cannot be fully known until the final harvest of time is gathered.

AMERICAN INDIANS.

We need not leave our own shores, washed on either hand by the Atlantic and Pacific, to find the heathen. The remnants of the original possessors of our soil have a claim upon the Christians of this country which our Board fully recognizes. In Northern Wisconsin, Miss Dougherty continues to pray and to work, writing cheerfully of her confidence as to results. Mrs. Robertson remains at Tullahassee, and the school there is an interesting one. Girls and boys are taught to work as well as to think, and are proving themselves worthy objects of care. *Thirteen* of these pupils (young men) have been sent, at the expense of the Creek Nation, into the States to go on with their studies, and one of the former pupils has given her effective aid in her work of translating a por-

tion of the New Testament. This is truly a labor of love with her, and one that she will not willingly leave unfinished. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson are training their son for an interpreter also, and if their hopes are fulfilled, he will be of the third generation to give the bread of life to the Indians, who are eager to receive it. They are longing for a hymn-book in their own tongue, but "where," she asks, "are the *funds* for it?" Her report of their work is full of interest, and shows the importance of Christian teaching to this people, so closely connected with our own nation. No one can read it without feeling pained that the small amount asked for the salary of teachers is not fully paid for the current year. All other expenses are incurred by the Creek Nation.

MEXICO.

Passing southward, we are met in Mexico by a different people—a people who are Christian in name, but who are far from the knowledge and exercise of a Christ-like spirit toward those who seek to tell them of the love of Jesus. Mrs. Thomson, on whom we rely for knowledge of our share of the schools at Cos, has recently returned to Zacatecas, after a year's absence in this country, in consequence of most exhausting illness. The lack of news from these schools has diminished the contributions for them, but we still hope both for information and for money.

The letters of Mrs. Hutchinson, detailing the persecutions endured, give no sign of faltering or fear—on the contrary, are cheerful and hopeful, knowing that the Lord He is God. They are permitted to see some fruit of their labor in the schools also; but more teachers are needed and more money to sustain them. Shall not our prayers and our aid go out more abundantly for these beloved of the Lord?

CHILI.

Still southward, and far along the Pacific coast, we reach Chili, where the Gospel has been carried by a faithful few, and where the people are eager for the Word, and to give their children the benefit of the schools taught by missionaries. Mrs. Curtiss, in the

care of this Board, is about to leave Santiago with her husband to take up work in Talca. Freedom of thought and toleration of religious principles are gaining ground. The *people* are in earnest in lifting themselves up into the fellowship of Christian nations. Yet they need help, and should have it. Teachers are greatly needed. Where are our educated young women?

BRAZIL.

Crossing the South American continent to the vast expanse of country occupied by Brazil, we find a people sunk in poverty, yet so anxious to have the Gospel, with all its blessings, spread among them, that many of the congregations which have been gathered contribute toward their expenses a large amount in proportion to their actual means. And so highly are the schools established by missionaries prized, that even the priests, after examination of the catechism used, pronounce it *good!* No new schools have been opened by this Board during the past year, but those at Brotas, Rio Novo and Gomez are well sustained, and are a powerful agency in promoting the cause of truth; and more schools and teachers are asked for, notwithstanding the fact that the public school system of Brazil in some respects rivals our own boasted institutions. At Rio Claro a boarding-school has been opened as an experiment, the object being to keep the pupils more constantly under the influence of Christian instruction and example, thereby fortifying and building up the characters of those who are soon to be the men and women of the land. Toward this school we give this year $250. Miss Kuhl writes of the most encouraging success, and Mr. Da Gama gives instances of affecting self-denial among those wretchedly destitute people which it would seem must arouse the sympathy and call forth the helping hand from every *woman* who enjoys the blessings of a Christian home.

AFRICA.

Leaving the western hemisphere, we speed with the swiftness of thought across the South Atlantic to the western borders of that land of dark-hued faces and benighted souls, Africa—a most discouraging field to human view, and yet one that we are begin-

ning to look upon with wondering expectations as we observe the instrumentalities by which the God of nations is bringing her peoples within the reach of Christian sympathy and brotherhood. It may be that Livingstone himself was not fully aware of the stupendous results to follow from his patient, hidden, but most extraordinarily heroic and beneficent life, largely spent among people whom we are scarce willing to accord a place in the human family, and yet who have put to shame their more enlightened fellows by their devotion and gratitude to their beloved friend and teacher. And some, who have carefully studied the African at home, predict the development among them of a most lovely, humble and joyous form of Christianity. This Board is, through its auxiliaries, sustaining several pupils in the schools at Gaboon and at Corisco Island. A native teacher at Corisco, also, is supported by a society in Iowa. From the latter island Mrs. De Heer writes: "They are not worse than we ought to expect them, but they are heathen in the deepest degree. And I, for one, do not think a statement of this fact will stun or paralyze the efforts of our home Christians. Their Christianity is of too high a type for *that*, and I do not rest so much upon the near prospect as upon the promise of Him whose work it is, that He will perfect His own praise." And, in relation to some scholarships assumed by individuals, she proposes to give those earnest Christian women some of her *least* hopeful pupils, that by the *prayers* which will go with their benefactions they may be the means of bringing those girls "somewhere near the standard of Christian womanhood which we would fain see them occupying."

SYRIA.

On eastward, we direct our thoughts to the vast continent of Asia, and first to that land which has been the chosen locality of the most direct communications and most important revelations to man from his Creator of any he has enjoyed. Rev. Mr. Bird writes that the people are more willing to pay for the teaching of their boys than for that of their girls—*they* are of so little consequence! The support of several new schools has been assumed by

auxiliaries of this Board. And here is something to be done which must interest our children. They are anxious to have the *Morning Star* Sabbath-school paper, which can be sent them at an expense of about $3 per annum for each school. A great need of the school at Tripoli has been met by the advantageous purchase of suitable buildings, the expense of which this Board has shared with the others. This will greatly increase the usefulness of the school. Our hearts should go out in special prayer for our dear Mrs. Calhoun, who returns to Syria to pass her widowhood where she and her gifted husband spent the strength of their earlier years. Through Mrs. Jessup, of Beirût, we are brought into sympathy with one of the centres of Arab civilization and of Protestant missionary effort. She writes of a call extended by a new native church to a valedictorian of his class in the Syrian Protestant College. Such results of mission work do not look like failures! It ought to be easy to pray for the Arab women's prayer meeting in Beirût.

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PERSIA

our missionary force has been augmented by the arrival of Mrs. Van Hook, in November last, at Tabriz, to join Miss Jewett, who, thus relieved in the school, is able to spend more time in going from house to house, gathering women and children to listen to the story of Jesus. Mrs. Van Hook describes a meeting of *both* men and women, such as was never before held in Persia; but she adds, "We hope it will not be the last." Mrs. Ward, also in the care of this Board, went with her husband to Tabriz. Mr. Ward spoke through an interpreter at the meeting, and much interest was manifest among the Armenians. In September last Miss Jewett writes of her first excursion, with only a native helper, to the villages about Tabriz. She felt her loneliness and dependence upon divine aid, but was cheered by finding willing listeners to the precious words of life. The death of a valuable helper is recorded by her, and at the same time the conversion of an unusually intelligent Khoord, gives occasion for encouragement. Miss Bassett, at Teheran, is working very hard. The school there should not be

allowed to press upon her alone; an associate should be sent to her. The strength sacrificed at Oroomiah should be warning enough to us; let us heed it well Miss Poage writes of the reopening of the seminary at Oroomiah, after its year of suspension, with most encouraging interest, expressing the good hope that before the session closes every pupil will become a Christian. What an incentive, this, to those who are supporting pupils there! After the middle of January Miss Poage was obliged to go to Tabriz to recover from the weakness of acclimation. Let us remember her in prayer to Him who has power to heal the sick and give strength to the weak. Our societies have perhaps noticed accounts of the wonderful revivals in Persia. Have they thought that several of these wonderful awakenings have been in the villages where we have schools? In this is there not both encouragement and rebuke?

INDIA.

Like feeble tapers amid the darkness of Hindooism seem the few mission points in which we are represented in India; nevertheless they are of that true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world, and they will increase until every woman, as well as man, shall receive that light into a loving and grateful heart, for the Lord of life and light has promised it. Far to the north Mrs. Kelso continues her work at Rawal Pindi, sowing seed, knowing that One only can insure the increase. At Ambala, Miss Bacon has been called to a work upon which she has entered with characteristic energy, and for which she is eminently fitted—that of training young women to become teachers. She says of it: "I believe it is of God's direction, and that, properly cared for, it will be like a handful of corn upon the tops of the mountains, the fruit of which shall shake like Lebanon." Mrs. Bergen is still engaged in her school at the same place. Having had better health the last year than any previous year in India, she is able to continue her visits among the women, and desires to open a school for Hindoos. Miss Pratt, after a laborious year at Woodstock, has left that school to the care of two ladies recently sent from Philadelphia. She is again at Dehra, her chosen field of labor. May she long succeed

in impressing her own earnestness upon the maidens of her charge! It is noteworthy that one of the schools under Mrs. Lucas' care in Futtehgurh, sustained by the gifts of one individual in this country, is a remarkably successful one. Does this lady give more *prayer* with her money than do others? Our schools at Futtehgurh are now in charge of Miss Woodside, of the Upper Mission of Lodiana, and Miss Scott, of Furrukhabad. Mrs. Alexander returned to Mynpurie early in the spring of '76, feeling strongly that the discouragements from the order for retrenchment at home were far greater than she met in any phase of her work in India. Some fruit is coming from the work which *native* teachers are doing, and the influence of one such teacher is a great help in reaching these very pitiable people. At Gwalior, Mrs. Warren continues her school and her work of visiting among the women, who, gathered in groups about her, eagerly take in the words which are so full of promise to them for this life, as well as for the life to come. Dr. Warren is translating into Hindoostani a Hebrew dictionary, having completed his translation of a Hebrew grammar.* They have held public worship for three years in the mud house of a catechist. Here is great need of a church building, for the work is a most encouraging one.

SIAM.

Beyond Birmah, the land which Dr. Judson, of precious memory, has made interesting to us from childhood, we find Miss Grimstead writing from Bangkok, in Siam, of some of the difficulties in keeping scholars in the schools, on account of the indifference of parents, yet rejoicing in the enlargement of the church by the addition of an unusual number recently, and of increasing interest in the way of life. At Petchaburi *ten* have been received on each of two consecutive Sabbaths, and the first marriage of Christian natives, where the bride was not *bought*, had been solemnized. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have returned to this country worn down with their long labors among the Laos, a people to the north of Bangkok. But their interest in the poor Laos is not left behind

* Dr. Warren has gone to his rest since these words were written.

them, and they rejoice in the hope of more help in that field, and in the prospect of returning to it themselves when health is restored. Miss Cort says of the Siamese that "it is more difficult to win the women to receive the truth than the men, not because they are *less* religious, but *more* so, and are therefore more wedded to Buddhism. When we talk to them, they insist upon saying we *preach*. I suppose we will have to submit. I see no way out of it, for we do choose a text oftentimes, and then expound it; but we are so far away from America that I hope they will not silence us! We are willing to share our parish with all the ministers they will send us." Mrs. House, also in this country, is full of hope for Siam. She feels assured "that the day of promise for that country is near at hand." The heathen are more ready to receive the Word of Life than their more enlightened fellows are to send it to them.

CHINA.

Could we go into details, there is much that would interest and encourage Christians in the outlook over China. At Canton the schools are constantly gaining ground, as the natives learn confidence in the missionaries. At Ningpo we have a new interest in the arrival there of Miss Ketchum, who sailed from San Francisco in October, '76, as a missionary of this Board. She writes, in full health and cheerfully, of her first impressions of her future work, and we trust she may long and successfully point the way of life to the women and children among whom her lot is cast. Since our last annual meeting, the Fort Wayne, Ind., Society has decided to become tributary to the Board of the Northwest, and this naturally brings Mrs. Farnham, from the Philadelphia Board, into relation with ours. While the women of *this* Board cordially assume the care and responsibility attending this change, they are not unmindful of the grateful sympathy due to those of Philadelphia who have put personal preferences aside for the furtherance of the sacred cause in the interest of which all serve together under one Lord and Master.

The care of Mrs. Holt's school at Soochow has been placed temporarily with Mrs. Fitch, in consequence of the removal of Mr.

and Mrs. Holt to Shanghai. Mr. and Mrs. Corbett reached Chefoo in November last, after an interesting and helpful journey of several months, in which they gathered fresh zeal and energy for taking up their work in China. Mrs. C. began the study of the language on the third day after reaching "home." They were warmly welcomed by Miss Downing, whose labors and cares had been augmented by Mr. Corbett's absence, and who much needed the relief his presence in the mission gives her. Aside from the care of the school and family, she is "given to hospitality," and her house is the comfortable resting-place of many in passing from place to place; and the influence of such a home, in a heathen land, it is probable can scarcely be estimated by us. She and others of the missionaries in China have done what they could to alleviate the sufferings consequent upon the wide-spread famine of the past years. We little realize the drafts upon the sympathies of missionaries for the *physical* suffering by which they are surrounded. Out-of-door meetings have been held, as crowds of these poor people have pressed about the mission, and doubtless, as they again scatter to their homes, some good seed will find its way to places not yet reached by foreigners.

JAPAN.

Leaving the continent, we cross the Yellow Sea to Japan, where another peculiar people are, still more rapidly than the Chinese, awakening to the influence of Christianity. The school at Tokio is a remarkable one, in that it combines mission work with native enterprise and philanthropy. It has been removed from the quarter of the city conceded to foreigners, so that it is right in the midst of the people, and is mainly supported by them. Only two pupils are unable to pay tuition; these are supported by our auxiliaries, and Mrs. True, who has almost uncontrolled charge of the school, is cared for by the Philadelphia Board. Miss Eldred is under appointment to go to Japan. The mission has suffered loss in the burning of their church, and are in need of funds to rebuild.

We have not space to touch on many points of importance, con-

nected with mission work, which are suggested by this rapid review of the year. The need of hospitals, of female physicians and of teachers, is painfully apparent. The schools are a mighty power, by the blessing of God, in the deliverance of the nations from the thraldom of ignorance and superstition. An eminent English clergyman says that the heathen need to be taught to count *three* before they can be expected to comprehend the idea of the Trinity. Through the care of the sick, their attention is won to the healing of their souls by the Great Physician. On the other hand, we have needs here also. We women of the Northwest need to be more consecrated, to pray with more faith and to give in larger measure into the treasury of the Lord. This is the Lord's own work, and He has said that it shall be accomplished. He uses various instrumentalities. He makes commerce, science and literature to aid in opening up a highway for the chariot of His salvation. Even those in high places among the nations are, unwillingly, perhaps, helping to break down the barriers within which heathen women have been shut in ignorance and degradation. In the great awakening which is opening, not only our own eyes, but those of many heathen nations, we see what God is doing for us, and this should make us redouble our efforts in His cause; for we cannot but feel that to Christian women has He given peculiar powers and opportunities for helping her less fortunate sisters to a knowledge of Himself, of His love to us, and of the eternal beauty and glory which fills all heaven and all worlds with life and light. S. H. P.

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest, for April, 1877.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

ALTON.—Alton W. M. S., $22; Carrollton W. M. S., for pupil, Africa, $20, Cent. off., $10 70 ($30 70), . . $52 70

BLOOMINGTON. — Champaign W. M. S., $26 17; Danville W. M. S., $61; Bement W. M. S., sch'p, Corisco, Africa, $37 23; Bloomington 2d Ch., sup. pastor's wife, Hauney, Persia, $71 82; El Paso, sch'p No. 5, Chefoo, $16 50; Dwight W. M. S., pastor's wife, Persia, $21 80; Lexington W. M. S., for Tripoli, $20 50; S. S., for Tripoli, $8 ($28 50); Normal W. M. S., $4 50; Heyworth W. M. S., $14, ... $281 52

CEDAR RAPIDS.—Wyoming W. M. S., $20 66; Mite Gatherers, $3 18 ($23 84);

Wheatland Young People's Soc. for Tripoli, $10; Pleasant Prairie, Look up Legion, $9; Clinton Miss. Bd. for Tripoli, $5; Blairstown W. M. S., $20; Cedar Rapids W. M. S., gate keeper's salary, $27; Lyons W. M. S., $8; Vinton W. M. S., sup. Miss Jewett, $25; Marion Working Band, sch'p Coriseo, Africa, $20; Marion, of which $38 for sup. of Bible reader, Coriseo, $41; Mechanicsville W. M. S., $20; Wyoming, Mrs. Lodge for Japan, $4; Cedar Rapids, 1st Ch., for Miss Pratt, $50; Scotch Grove W. M. S., $10; . $272 84

CAIRO.—Olney W. M. S., $11 22; Duquoin W. M. S., $15, 26 22

CHICAGO.—Waukegan Y. L. Miss. Bd., for boys sch. in Syria, $47 92; Highland Park W. M. S., $1 95; Chicago, 4th Ch., $104 35, S. S., for Tripoli, $39 10 ($143 45); Englewood W. M. S., $32; Mrs. H. H. Kellogg and Miss Chamly, $2; Jefferson Park W. M. S., $25 35; Chicago, 6th Ch., Helping Hands, $20; Chicago, 8th Ch., for Darm Rani, Mynpuri, $53, for pupil in Mynpuri, $27, for Scotia Sem., $25 ($105); Joliet, Central Ch., W. M. S., $30; Waukegan W. M. S., $76 20; Lake Forest W. M. S., $1 15; Young People's Soc., $4 77, Steady Streams, $4 41 ($10 33); Kankakee W. M. S., $6; Fullerton Av. W. M. S., $25; Chicago, 5th Ch., sup. Miss Campbell, $14 68; Evanston W. M. S., Miss Bacon's salary, $1; 2d Ch., W. M. S., $88 and $5 ($93); Model Meeting offering, $7 26, ... 641 14

CHIPPEWA.—La Crosse, Cen. off. addl., $1 25; Neilsville W. M. S., $7 40, . . 8 65

COLORADO.—Denver W. M. S., 17 55

COUNCIL BLUFFS.—Red Oak W. M. S., ... 8 40

CRAWFORDSVILLE. — Frankfort W. M. S., $20 82; Delphi W. M. S., $15; Crawfordsville W. M. S., $25; Lafayette W. M. S., sup. Mary McMullen, Dehra, $64 19, sup. pupil at Oroomiah, $42 72 ($106 91); Waveland W. M. S., sup. of Deacon Pera, $52 24; Rockville W. M. S., $6, . . $225 97

DAYTON.—Oxford Fem. Sem., 51 77

DETROIT.—Holly, Mich., W. M. S., $12 72, Gleaners' Band, $9 ($21 72); Brighton W. M. S., $11 50, Walker Bd., $15 ($26 50); Howell W. M. S., sup. Miss Dean, $20, Howell, Y. L. Bd., $25, Richardson Bd., sch'p, Oroomiah, $32 40, and for Loi at Bangkok, Siam, $32 40, for Tripoli, $30 ($94 80); Ypsilanti W. M. S., Tripoli, $41; Ann Arbor, Tripoli, $2; Birmingham W. M. S., $12 50, Brownell Bd., $21 25 ($33 75); Pontiac W. M. S., $12; Mt. Clemms, for Miss Bassett, $25, for Tripoli, $13 ($38), ... 314 77

FREEPORT. — Rockford, 1st Ch., W. M. S., for Tripoli, $60 31; Freeport, Elliott Bd., pupil, Tabriz, $6; Rochelle W. M. S., for Tripoli, $13 25; Woodstock, for Tripoli, $5 20, . . . 84 76

FORT WAYNE.—Elkhart W. M. S., for Mt. sch., Persia, $5; Huntington W. M. S., $25 13; La Grange W. M. S., $10; Lima W. M. S., $4; Warsaw W. M. S., $10, 54 13

IOWA.—Kossuth Willing Workers, $5, W. M. S., $4 55 ($9 55); Morning Sun W. M. S., $10; Burlington, 1st Ch., W. M. S., $15; Highland W. M. S., $15; Bloomfield W. M. S., $4; Mediapolis, Father McWilliams, 25 cts., . . 53 80

IOWA CITY.—Iowa City W. M. S., 1st Ch., $116; Summit Ch., $1; Deep River S. S., sup. Metra, $18, . . 135 00

INDIANAPOLIS.—Southport W.

M. S., $16 75; Columbus W. M. S., $25; Indianapolis, 5th Ch., W. M. S., $10 25, Little Workers of 8th Ch., $1 15, W. M. S., 9th Ch., $5, Infant Class of 9th Ch., $1 10, 3d Ch., W. M. S., $24 ($41 50); Greenwood W. M. S., $30 and Cen. off., $2 ($32); Putnamville, Mrs. S. M. Hanly, $3; Acton W. M. S., $8; West Point W. M. S., $2; Franklin W. M. S., sal. of Mrs. Warren, $59 96; Hopewell, Little Workers, $7 50; Bloomington, Walnut st. Ch., W. M. S., $2, Y. L. Miss. Circle, $3 ($5); Whiteland, Bethany S. S., $1, ... $201 71

KALAMAZOO. — Niles, $26; Constantine, Mrs. H. H. Riley, $10, . . . 36 00

LIMA.—Delphos W. M. S., . 7 00

LOGANSPORT.—Logansport 1st Ch., sup. Training Sch., Canton, China, $68 55; Valparaiso W. M. S., $19; La Porte W. M. S., $10; Y. L. Bd., $8 45; Michigan City W. M. S., $3; Plymouth W. M. S., $12, . . . 121 00

LANSING.—Albion, Miss M. O. Donoghue, . . . 25 00

MATTOON.—Vandalia W. M. S., $45 82; S. S., $2 60, . 48 42

MAUMEE.—Toledo W. M. S., $8 85; Bryan W. M. S., $7 85; Bethesda Ch., L. M., $10, ... 26 70

MILWAUKEE.—Janesville W. M. S., $26, Girls' Miss. Bd., for Tripoli, $16 50 ($42 50); Milwaukee, Willing Hands and Hearts, Chinese Home, $5, for sufferers at Foochow, $1 ($6); Somers W. M. S., $15; Beloit W. M. S., $11 84; Delafield W. M. S., $13 12, from Harry Mentre $3; Ottowa W. M. S, $3; Broadhead W. M. S., and children, and Miss A. Ogden, $19 50, . . 113 96

MONROE.—Hillsdale W. M. S., for Miss Ketchum, $10; Raison W. M. S., for Miss Ketchum, $5 25; California W. M. S., for Tripoli, $6 10; Adrian S. S., for Tripoli, $10 79, ... $32 14

MUNCIE.—Muncie W. M. S., $35; Muncie, Rhine Bd., $25; Tipton W. M. S., $10; Wabash W. M. S., $6 75, Y. L. Soc., $6 50 ($13 25), 83 25

NEW ALBANY.—Charlestown W. M. S., $11 15: Salem W. M. S., $9 10; Mitchell W. M. S., $12; Madison W. M. S., 1st Ch., $50, W. M. S., 2d. Ch., $25 ($75); Lexington W. M. S., $5; Hanover W. M. S., sch'p No. 7, Ningpo, $30 60, W. M. S., for Chinese Home, San Francisco, $7 11 ($37 71): New Albany W. M. S., for Tripoli, $125, Mrs. W. S. Culbertson, $200 ($325); Jeffersonville W. M. S., for Tripoli, $15, Rose Hill Inf. Cl., for Tabriz organ, $1 25 ($16 25); Vernon, dying gift from Mrs. Mabel Pabody, $150, . . 641 21

NEOSHO.—Iola W. M. S., . 13 79

OMAHA.—Omaha W. M. S., for Mrs. True's sch., Japan, $32; W. M. S., Little Drops of Water, $2 50, ... 34 50

OTTAWA. — Union Grove Ch., ... 2 25

PEORIA.—Eureka W. M. S., $4; Peoria W. M. S., 1st Ch., $36 29, W. M. S., 2d Ch., $9, W. M. S., Calvary Ch., $5, Mrs. J. T., $31 85 ($82 14); Salem W. M. S., $6 10; Delavan W. M. S., $10 50; Galesburg W. M. S., $25; Lewiston W. M. S., $5, ... 132 74

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